

A Children's Page.

ANSWERS TO TWENTY QUESTIONS.

In the December REVIEW twenty questions were given. Partial answers have been sent in by the following five pupils: Clara E. Mahan, Mary M. Ryan and Alice M. Ryan, of Lingan Road, C. B.; Nina Boutilier and Gordon Dauphinee, of Tantallon, Halifax County. The first named pupil answered ten questions correctly out of the twenty. The others did not do so well. Below will be found answers which children should be asked to verify as far as possible:

1. Why has a cat whiskers?

Answer.—To aid its sense of feeling, especially when roaming about in the dark; the whiskers being highly developed nerves protruding in front and at the sides of the cat, as it has occasion to employ them.

2. Do robins and chickens walk alike?

No; robins hop, using both legs simultaneously in a similar motion, while chickens walk by alternately placing one foot in front of the other.

3. How many legs has a garden spider?

Eight.

4. How does an elephant dig?

With his tusks, trunk, and by wallowing.

5. Why does a rabbit wobble its nose?

To remove the mucous and keep its nostrils clear.

6. How does a horse use its legs in trotting?

The left front and the right hind, and the right front and the left hind move forward simultaneously.

7. In what order does a fly move its legs in walking?

In pairs, one on each side, the forward ones being advanced and remaining stationary until the hind ones are brought up.

8. Why is a fish dark in color above and light underneath?

To prevent it from absorbing light, and thus becoming easily distinguishable to its foes, either in the water or above the surface.

9. How many times does a crow fold its wings after alighting?

Three.

10. When sheep get up from lying down, do they rise with their fore or hind legs first?

With their hind legs.

11. Do rabbits run?

No; they hop about, using their hind legs to propel themselves forward.

12. Where is the oyster's mouth?

Beneath a kind of hood formed by the union of the two edges of the mantle near the hinges of the shell.

13. Why do horses turn their ears?

To facilitate the sense of hearing, the ears being turned in the direction whence instinct tells them the sound is coming.

14. How many legs has a house fly?

Six.

15. How can a fly walk on the ceiling?

The feet of the fly are hollow, and when in contact with a plain surface, as a ceiling or window pane, a suction is created which holds them firmly.

16. Which end does a wasp sting with?

Only the female wasp stings, and the stinger is located at the end of the abdomen, the after extremity.

17. Why is a tiger striped, the leopard spotted?

For their better protection, the tiger's stripes aiding it to conceal in the jungle, while the spots perform the same service for the leopard in the trees.

18. Do pigs grunt as an expression of pain or pleasure?

As an expression of pleasure.

19. Do little pigs show any sign of affection for each other?

Yes. Affection is an emotion common to all creatures.

20. What is the difference between the upper and lower sides of the leaf of a fern?

The upper side is smooth and hard after the manner of a shield, while the lower side holds and produces the sori, or fruit dots, which contain spores, by which ferns multiply.

"SILVERTIP."

We are indebted to the courtesy of *St. Nicholas* for permission to publish the following illustrated story which recently appeared in *St. Nicholas League*, a department in the magazine conducted especially for children. The story and illustration, by a boy of twelve years of age, are suggestive:

During our summer vacation at Lake Ripley, Wisconsin, we go for milk to a farm near by. The farmer's wife, Mrs. Black, has several cats. One night, when we went for milk, we found that one of the cats had caught a young cottontail rabbit. We succeeded in getting it away from her, and we took him home.



We made him a bed lined with lots of cotton. We named him "Silvertip." He was very tame, and would eat milk from a teaspoon.

When he was hopping around, I drew his picture. He posed perfectly and seemed to know enough to stand still.

One rather cool night, in spite of the best of care, he crawled out of his box, and was so chilled that in the morning he was found dead.

He lies buried under a tree in back of the cottage, and his grave is decorated with ferns and wild flowers. He was mourned much by our family and friends.

We present above one of the drawings which have won prizes in the League. It is loaned us by the publishers of *St. Nicholas*. Young folks who wish to join the League will be supplied with a badge and full instruction on application to the publishers of *St. Nicholas*, Union Square, New York.